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Chemical weapons watchdog wins peace prize (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Chemical weapons watchdog wins peace prize'.
Answer questions 1-16.

1. What do the letters OPCW stand for?

2. Who is Ahmet Üzümcü and where is he from?

3. For what are Nobel Prizes awarded?

4. Where is the OPCW's headquarters?

5. Why are Nobel Prizes awarded by groups in both Sweden and Norway?

6. Which country has traditionally supported Syria?

7. When were chemical weapons first used?

8. Why was the OPCW set up in 1997?

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9. What did most countries agree to in 1993? What is this treaty called?
- _____
10. Which organisation won the Nobel Peace Prize last year? For what reason was it chosen?
- _____
- _____
- _____
11. Historically which two countries had the most chemical weapons? What percentage of these have been destroyed?
- _____
12. What does the word 'watchdog' mean?
- _____
- _____
- _____
13. Where is the OPCW currently working? Why do people say this is a difficult job?
- _____
- _____
14. Where is Ghouta and what happened there? Why were OPCW inspectors sent there?
- _____
- _____
15. What did Alfred Nobel invent?
- _____
16. What did the director general say after hearing that the OPCW have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
- _____
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General Giap funeral (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'General Giap funeral'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. South Vietnam invaded North Vietnam in 1975.		
2. Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated in 1815.		
3. Giap and Ho led the Viet Minh.		
4. General Giap's forces surrendered at Dien Bien Phu.		
5. Vietnam is a former French colony.		
6. Japan occupied Vietnam for most of the Second World War.		
7. The Viet Cong operated in South Vietnam.		
8. Other communist countries such as Russia and China supplied many of the weapons used by South Vietnam.		
9. During the Vietnam War the USA fought alongside the North Vietnamese army.		
10. The USA left South Vietnam in 1973.		

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Nobody wins Ibrahim Prize (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Nobody wins Ibrahim Prize'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. A large fortune.

2. Q. _____

A. Because of bad leadership and a lack of good democratic government.

3. Q. _____

A. Three.

4. Q. _____

A. Mauritius.

5. Q. _____

A. US\$200,000 (£125,100).

6. Q. _____

A. So they can use their control to make large amounts of money.

7. Q. _____

A. Somalia.

8. Q. _____

A. Pedro Pires.

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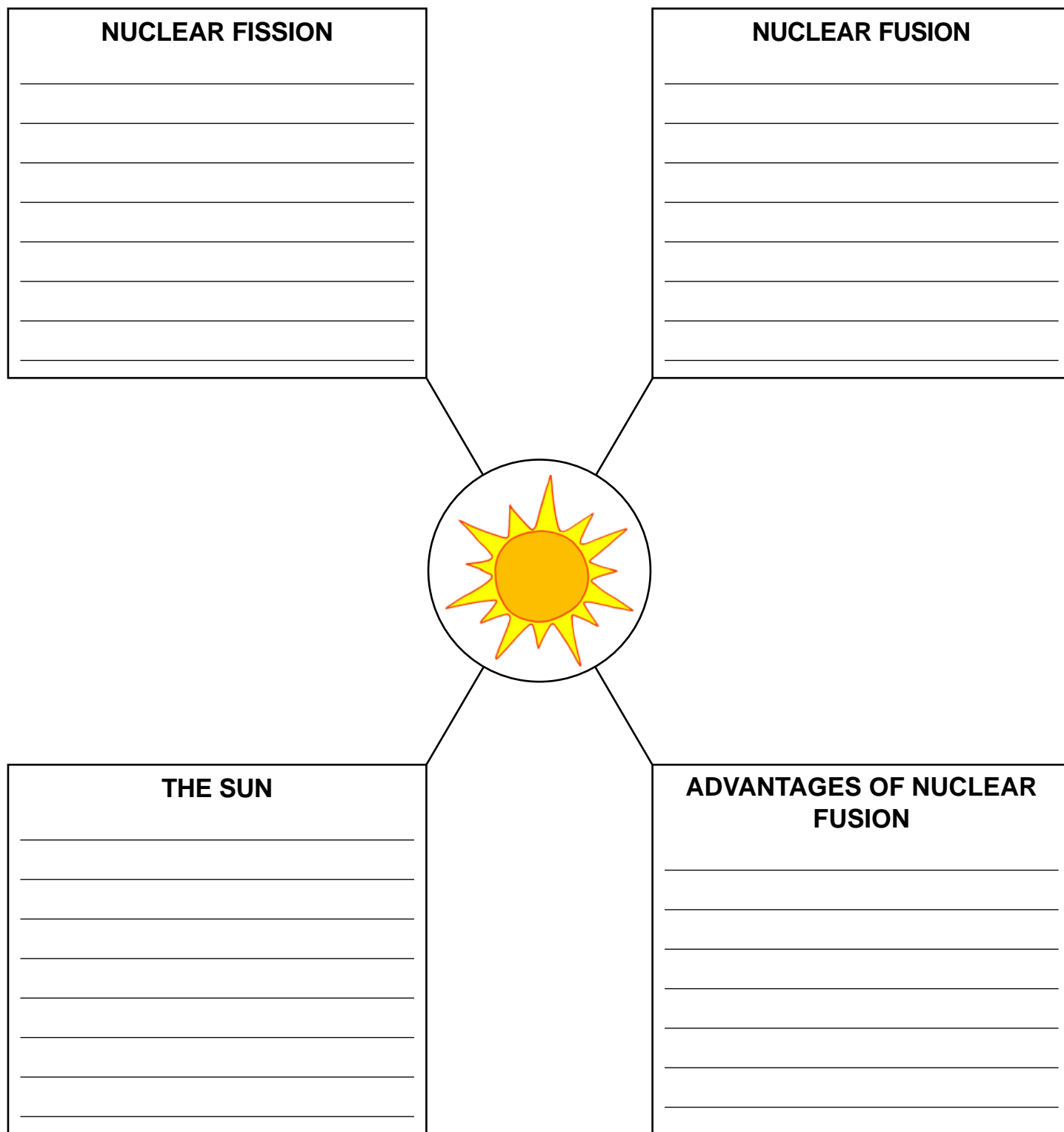
Water discovered outside Solar System (Page 15)

Instructions: Read the article 'Water discovered outside Solar System'.
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Hubble	→	The Earth
Rocky planet		Outside Solar System
Ceres	→	Space telescope
Goldilocks zone		Mercury
White dwarf		Rock
Oxygen		Asteroid belt
Silicon		Dying star
Exoplanets		Water

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Instructions: Read the article 'Nuclear fusion milestone' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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New Federal Reserve boss (Page 17)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New Federal Reserve boss'.

Answer questions 1-8.

1. Why is the boss of the Federal Reserve a very powerful person?

2. What is the Federal Reserve's nickname?

3. What is the name of the UK's central bank?

4. What does a central bank do?

5. What was the 'banking crisis'?

6. When did Ben Bernanke become the Chair of the Federal Reserve. When will he stand down?

7. Why do governments try very hard to avoid recessions?

8. What has to happen before Janet Yellen officially becomes the new Chair of the Federal Reserve?

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. AIDISN

I N D I A

2. NIPSRA

□ □ □ □ □

3. MTEBAIVN

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. ABZNAAITN

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

5. ITMRAOUIUS

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

6. NAAIEZBARAJ

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

7. ADLDERIN

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8. NESIRAUAM

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Mystery country = □ □ □ □ □ □ □ S

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Issue 208 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 208. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

IIAG

The Hague

Golden rice

~~Lampedusa~~

Hajj

Flame Towers

APEC

General Giap

Taxonomists

The Earth

Viet Minh

Pacific Ocean

Stewart Island

Five pillars of Islam

Blue

Uranium

Baku

New species

Goldilocks zone

Jellyfish

~~Italy~~

Dr Mo Ibrahim

Nuclear fission

Zooplankton

OPCW

Sapphire

GM

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 208 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 208 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. Which of the following is not one of APEC's member economies?
 - a. Canada
 - b. Brunei
 - c. Cambodia
 - d. Mexico
 - e. Thailand
2. Who has president Obama chosen to be the next 'Chair' of 'the Fed'?
 - a. John Kerry
 - b. Janet Yellen
 - c. Bill Clinton
 - d. Hank Paulson
 - e. Ben Bernanke
3. Since it was set up in 2007 how many people have won the Ibrahim Prize?
 - a. 3
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
 - d. 7
 - e. 8
4. In which Saudi Arabian city is the Grand Mosque?
 - a. Khobar
 - b. Medina
 - c. Riyadh
 - d. Mecca
 - e. Jeddah
5. What was the name of the cyclone that recently hit the Indian state of Orissa?
 - a. Cimaron
 - b. Yutu
 - c. Usagi
 - d. Phailin
 - e. Bebinca
6. Between which two cities does the World Solar Challenge take place?
 - a. Paris and Rome
 - b. Darwin and Adelaide
 - c. Los Angeles and San Francisco
 - d. Cape Town and Timbuktu
 - e. Moscow and Vladivostok
7. Of which country has Ilham Aliyev just be re-elected as the president?
 - a. Armenia
 - b. Tashkent
 - c. Azerbaijan
 - d. Georgia
 - e. Bulgaria
8. What gas does the Sun produce by nuclear fusion?
 - a. Methane
 - b. Helium
 - c. Nitrogen
 - d. Oxygen
 - e. Carbon dioxide
9. By what name is the Upper Palaeolithic also known?
 - a. Bronze Age
 - b. Iron Age
 - c. Stone Age
 - d. Late Stone Age
 - e. Age of Enlightenment
10. Which country's national day is called Waitangi Day?
 - a. New Zealand
 - b. Papua New Guinea
 - c. Suriname
 - d. Indonesia
 - e. Fiji